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## **Mississippi Mudbug Festival Activities for Sunday, May 1, Canceled**

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss.** – Visitor safety is paramount at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. An incident took place Saturday night around 10:00 p.m. in the rear parking lot. The scene was secured by local law enforcement. This is an ongoing investigation by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation since it was an officer-involved shooting.

“Safety is a priority at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. I appreciate the rapid response from the Hinds County Sheriff’s Office and the Jackson Police Department. Their quick action in securing the scene prevented others from potentially being hurt,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson.

The Mississippi State Fairgrounds had additional security measures in place for the festival, including the assistance of local law enforcement. Following the incident, the festival was promptly closed to the public.

The Mississippi Mudbug Festival activities scheduled for Sunday, May 1, have been canceled. Refunds will be available to those that had purchased tickets at the point of purchase by the original method of payment. Ticketholders that purchased tickets through Ticketmaster will automatically receive a refund. Ticketmaster will process refunds to the original method of payment used at the time of purchase. Ticketholders that purchased tickets at the Coliseum Box Office must bring tickets to the box office to receive a refund. The Coliseum Box Office is open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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